

COWBOY BEBOP

— shooting star —

When the population of Earth abandoned its home for other planets, the Solar System became a playground for tricksters, mobsters and criminals. The police alone can't chase them all down... so enter the bounty hunters, the best of the best of which make their home on the spaceship Bebop-the ex-mafioso Spike Spiegel, the ex-cop Jet Black. the amnesiac Faye Valentine, Ed the Hacker and their data dog. Ein. Now, with more scruples than the rest of their ilk. the gang often find themselves without the bounty cash... and consequently, without food on their plates. And when they get caught in the crossfire of a mafia grudge match. they may all reconsider their line of work. Made before the hit TV show, this two-manga series offers an alternative look at the quirky crew of the Bebop.









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Introduction

Even before Cowboy Bebop became a phenomenon, editors at Japan's renowned book publisher Kadokawa set out...

...to create an original manga for the story. The editors there chose Cain Kuga to write it.

This story will be an intriguing variation for those of you who have come to know Cowboy Bebop through the hit TV show, the blockbuster feature film or the manga trilogy that followed thereafter. Manga artist Cain Kuga's version of the Bebop universe contained within the pages of the book you now hold in your hands offers an alternative version of the origin of the famous ship and its bounty hunting crew. With a dynamic, angular art style and bold yet effective deviations from the original storyline, Kuga breathes new life into Spike, Jet, Faye, Ed and Ein.

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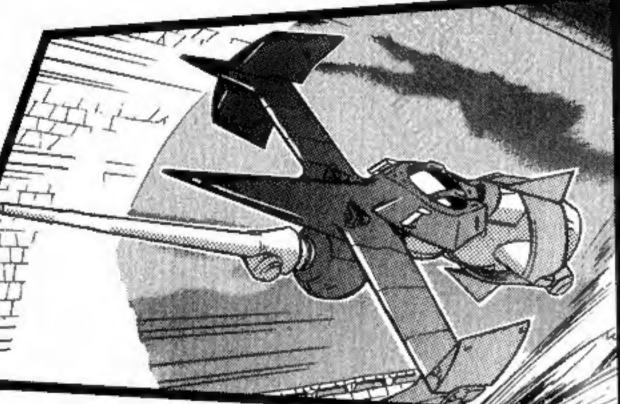
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They flew through the solar system in the Bebop (above) and chased down their bounties in the Swordfish (right).



All that remained was one question: would it be Kai Lucas that got them...



... or Scorpion.

Dramatis Personae



Spike Spiegel
(left) and Jet
Black (right)
were two bounty
hunters, content
with tracking
down criminals
for a price.

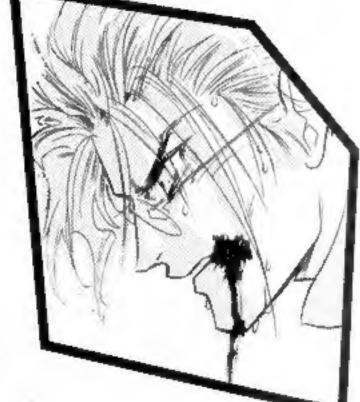


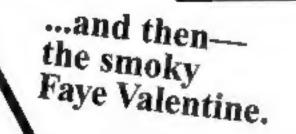
Then along came Ed...



along came the data dog, Ein...









You Only Live Twice

WOW, YOU TWO AREN'T AT ALL WHAT I EXPECTED.



I'VE
HEARD AND
READ SO
MUCH ABOUT
THE BEBOP
CREW,
BUT NO
ONE SAID
YOU WERE
SO...

...MEAN-LOOKING.

OH, WELL.
LET'S JUST
FORGET MY
EXPECTATIONS.
I'VE GOT
A STORY TO
TELL!

MY STORY

INVOLVES A BOUNTY!

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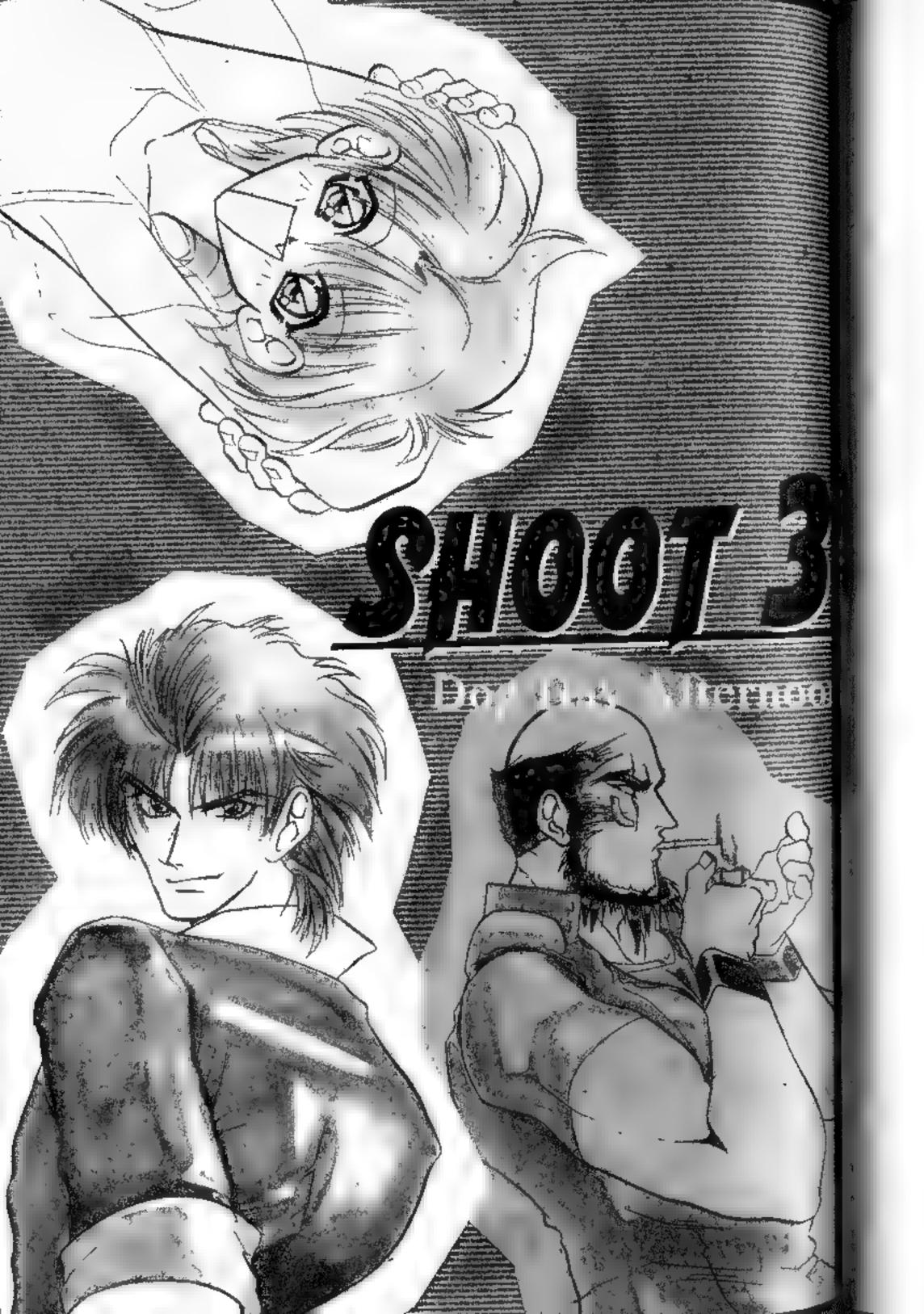




DON'T YOU LIKE MONEY?--- ED





























































WHAT PO

WE DO IF

SCORPION

IS ALREADY

IN A BATTLE

TRANSPORT

THEN

LET'S DO

SOME-

THING

NOW,

MR.

SPIKE.

YOU

GOTTA BE KIDDING!!









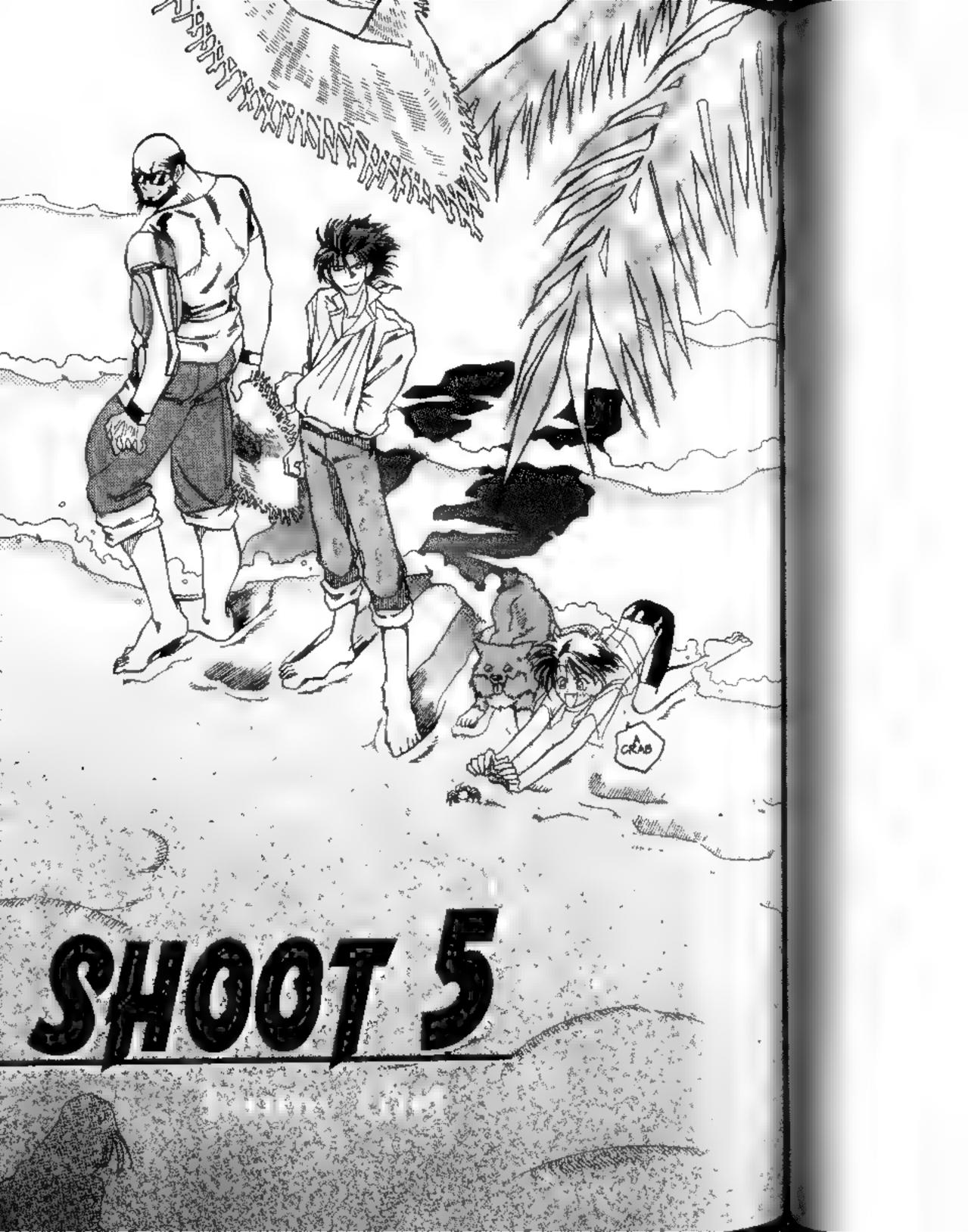














































SHOOT 5 HUDOD 🖔 PLUS, DIDN'T YOU TELL US THIS IS REMINDS THIS THAT YOU HAD A BROTHER AND THAT BOY IS A GIRL! ALMOST ME OF MY BOY ... INTERESTING. SISTER. SPIKE ... HEY! WAIT 00PS, JUST A DAMN WAS IT A SECOND ... WHY BROTHER! ARE YOU HERE ! REALLY WOW, SPIKE IS SPEECH-BOYS, DON'T MAKE DON'T SUCH SWEAT A BIG LIFE'S TOO IT, DEAL SHORT TO WORRY ABOUT DETAILS. BOYS. YOU MUST MISS ME HEY, JET, LET'S KICK HER OUTTA HERE. BY NOW. Whap' YOU HIT — SHOOT 5 / END =





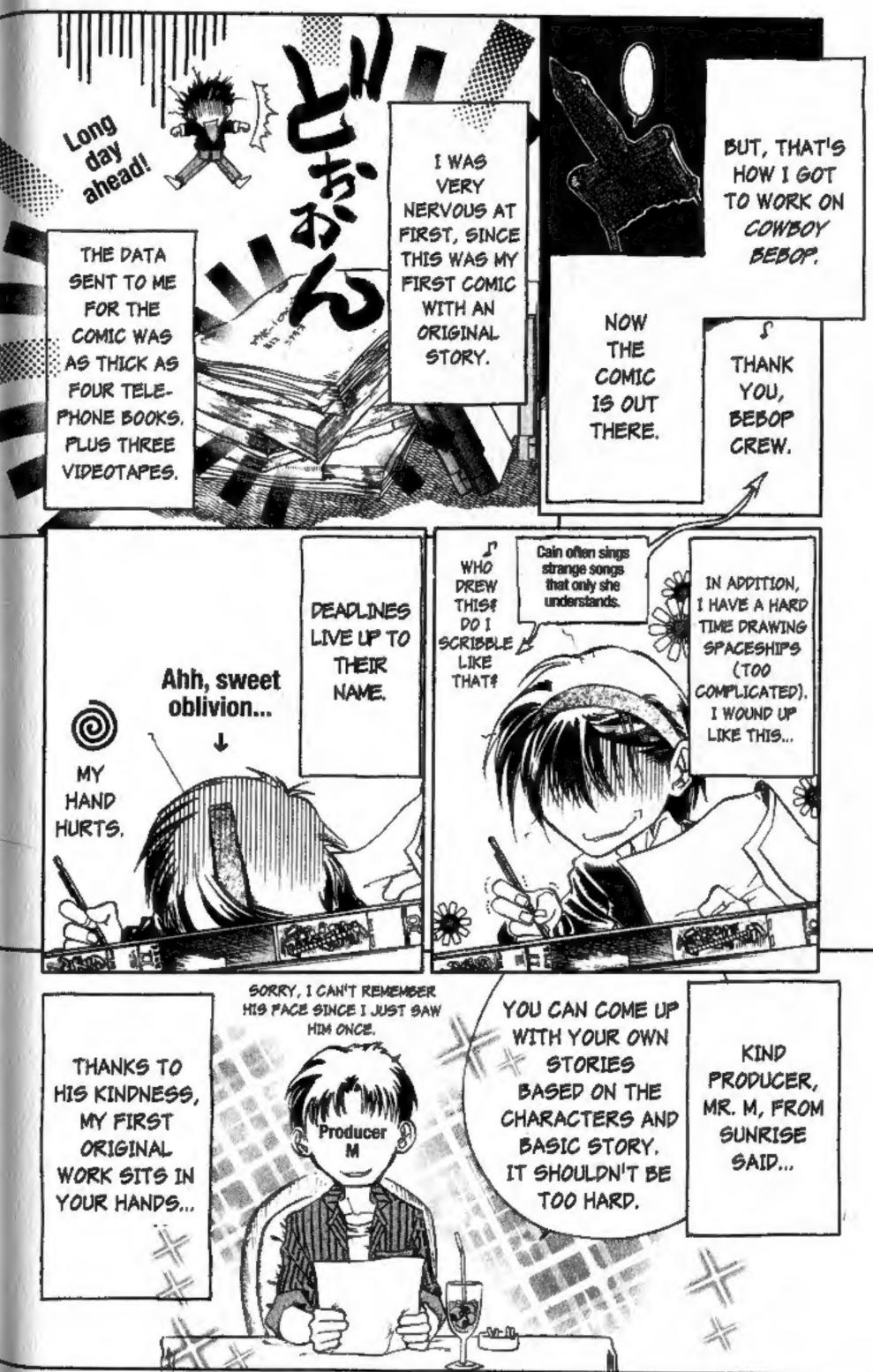


Kuga = Macho Men

WHICH
IS WHY
MR. K
THOUGHT...







Preview for Cowboy Bebop: Shooting Star Volume 2

As they sail the expanse of the great empyrean seas, the Bebop crew has to contend with vigilante pirates, eccentric millionaires, chiantiloving mobsters, and crazed cops. Are they striving for success or simply running away from their pasts? Once stung by Scorpion, it's only a matter of time before pain and death triumph. Perhaps the Bebop crew will escape this fate, but only if Spike the tcicle can thaw enough to accept that sometimes there's nowhere left to run.

